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SUBJECT: VISIT TO PRC BY BELGIAN PRIMMIN, APRIL 20 AND 21

SUMMARY: BELGINA REP REPORTED AT MAY 7 SPC ON APRIL 20, 21  
VISIT TO PRC BY BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MININTER.  
WORKING SESSIONS FEATURED WELL-KNOWN CHINESE WARNINGS AGAINST  
SOVIETS AND DETENTE. CHINESE ALSO REPEATED FORECAST OF INEVI-  
TABILITY OF SUPERPOWER CONFLICT. END SUMMARY

1. DURING MAY 7 SPC MEETING BELGIAN REP (BAL) REPORTED ON  
APRIL 20-21 VISIT TO PRC BY PRIMMIN TINDEMANS AND FONMIN  
VAN ELSLANDE. TINDEMANS MET WITH CHAIRMAN MAO AND CHOU EN-LAI  
ON APRIL 20. MAO GAVE LONG MONOLOGUE ON SOVIET THREAT TO  
EUROPE. CHOU ENGAGED IN A LIVELY DIALOGUE ON VARIED SUBJECTS;  
HE APPEARED ALERT AND WELL-INFORMED ON DETAILS.

2. THE BELGIANS HAD TWO WORKING SESSIONS OF THREE HOURS EACH  
ON 20 AND 21 APRIL WITH VICE PREMIER CHI TENG-KUEI AND FONMIN  
CHIAO KUAN-HUA. BELGIANS PRESENTED THEIR VIEWS ON EUROPEAN  
UNITY, THE BELGIAN COMMITMENT TO NATO AND ON CSCE AND MBFR.  
THIS EVOLVED INTO A LIVELY EXCHANGE ON DETENTE WITH THE  
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CHINESE PRESENTING THEIR WELL-KNOWN VIEWS ON THE DANGERS OF  
DEALING WITH THE PERFIDIOUS RUSSIANS, E.G. EUROPEANS SHOULD NOT  
BE DECEIVED BY THE SOVIETS WHO CONTINUALLY TALK DISARMAMENT, BUT  
ACT DIFFERENTLY.

3. DURING THE SECOND SESSION, CHI REITERATED THE CHINESE VIEW THAT STRUGGLE BETWEEN SUPERPOWERS CAN ONLY LEAD TO WAR. HE POINTED OUT THAT 75 PERCENT OF SOVIET MILITARY FORCES FACE EUROPE, NOT SINO-SOVIET BORDER. HE SAW SOVIETS AS PRESSURING EUROPE, ESPECIALLY THROUGH MEDITERRANEAN. CHI AKKONEN PLAN FOR A BALTIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE AS SOVIET-INSPIRED ATTEMPT TO WEAKEN NATO'S NORTHERN FLANK.## THE CHINESE DID NOT SEE THE INEVITABLE WAR AS NECESSARILY BEING NUCLEAR. SINCE OBJECT OF WAR WILL BE TO OCCUPY TERRITORY, USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WILL BE SECONDARY.

4. CHINESE INSISTED THAT SINO-SOVIET CONFLICT STEMS FROM IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES WHICH ARE INSURMOUNTABLE. CHI SAID SOVIETS HAD DROPPED ORTHODOX MARXISM-LENINISM. SOVIETS NOW BELIEVE TRANSITION TO SOCIALISM CAN BE PEACEFUL. CHI ARGUED, HOWEVER, THAT REVOLUTIONARY VIOLENCE IS STILL INEVITABLE. HE SAID SUCH VIOLENCE IS BASICALLY INTERNAL AND CANNOT BE EXPORTED. CHI THOUGHT CONFLICT COULD LAST "8,000 YEARS".

5. CHINESE COMPLAINED THAT RUSSIANS TALK OF FIVE PRINCIPLES AND SPIRIT OF BANDUNG, BUT THEY DO NOT ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE PRINCIPLES (1968 INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS UNWORTHY OF A SOCIALIST COUNTRY).

6. CHINESE THOUGHT U.S. IS STILL OVER-EXTENDED. SOVIETS ARE MORE CONCENTRATED AND THUS CAN FOCUS THEIR STRENGTH ON AREA IN WHICH THEY WISH TO CONTEST U.S. HOWEVER, CHINESE BELIEVE THAT SOVIET STRENGTH IS INSUFFICIENT TO ACCOMPLISH ALL SOVIET AMBITIONS.

7. REGARDING U.S.-PRC RELATIONS, CHI SAID ONLY THAT NO FOREIGN POWER HAS RIGHT TO INTERFERE IN FINAL SETTLEMENT ON TAIWAN.  
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